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The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

APPLICATION NO.

FILING DATE

INVENTOR

10/671,521

September 29, 2003

A. Numagami, et al.

A copy of each of the cited applications is enclosed.

FEE STATEMENT

No fee or statement is required in connection with this Information Disclosure statement, since it is being submitted prior to the last of (1) issuance of a first official action on the merits or (2) expiration of the three month period following filing of the above-captioned application.

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that an annotated copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned with the next official communication indicating that such information has been considered.